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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR TRAINING FOR FORMER RAKKHI BAHINI

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1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN YESTERDAY TO GIVE HIM OUR RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR HELP WITH NURUZZAMAN. TABARAK WAS PLEASED WITH OUR RESPONSE BUT INDICATED HE HAD ONE PROBLEM WITH WAY WE HAD IN MIND TO PROCEED. RATHER THAN PURSUE THE QUESTION IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK, HE SAID, HE WISHED FOR THE TIME BEING TO HANDLE IT IN DACCA BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME SENSITIVITY THE QUESTION HAS FOR THEM. UNTIL SUCESSFUL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, TABARAK SAID HE DID NOT SEE HOW HE COULD BRING EITHER HIS MISSION IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK INTO THE MATTER. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE ONLY THREE PEOPLE IN BANGLADESH WHO KNEW ABOUT THIS AND THEY WERE GENERAL ZIA, HIMSELF, AND MRS. NURUZZAMAN WHO WAS THE INTERMEDIARY WITH HER HUSBAND. HE POINTED OUT THAT EVEN IF ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR NURUZZAMAN IN THE UNITED STATES, SOMETHING MIGHT GO WRONG IN INDIA WHICH WOULD THWART THE PLANNING AT THE LAST MINUTE AND IT WAS THEREFORE INDISPENSABLE THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT THESE ARRANGEMENTS BE ABSOLUTELY LIMITED. EVENTUALLY IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DRAW IN THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SEND PAYMENTS TO NURUZZAMAN, BUT THIS

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WAS SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE.

2. I SAID THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN LIMITED TO THE PURSUIT OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND I DID NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH IT HERE. NEVERTHELESS, I SAID, I UNDERSTOOD THE CONSIDERATIONS ADVANCED BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND WOULD REPORT THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ANY OTHER THOUGHTS, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT WHERE NURUZZAMAN MIGHT BE SENT TO STUDY. HE SAID HE DIDN'T, BUT HOPED THAT WASHINGTON COULD SUGGEST SOME POSSIBILITIES, PREFERABLY GIVING OPTIONS FROM WHICH A CHOICE COULD BE MADE. HE SAID THEY WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN AN ESTIMATE OF THE PROBABLE EXPENSES.

4. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATIONS I ASKED IF THEY HAD CONSIDERED A MORE NEUTRAL LOCATION FOR NURUZZAMAN SUCH AS AUSTRALIA OR THE PHILLIPINES. TABARAK SAID HE THOUGHT THE FACILITIES THERE WERE TOO LIMITED. MOREOVER, HE SAID, THEY WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIALITY GIVEN ANY SUCH REQUEST IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS THOSE I HAD MENTIONED. HE SAID THAT THE FACT THAT THEY HAD TURNED TO US WAS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE SECURITY WITH WHICH WE COULD BE TRUSTED TO TREAT SUCH QUESTIONS.

5. COMMENT: I REALIZE THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY'S INSISTENCE ON DEALING WITH THIS MATTER HERE MAY CONSIDERABLY COMPLICATE ITS HANDLING. FROM HIS STANDPOINT, HOWEVER, HIS ARGUMENTS MAKE SENSE AND, GIVEN OUR WILLINGNESS TO PRINCIPLE TO BE HELPFUL, I HOPE A WAY CAN BE FOUND TO MAKE THIS EXTRA ACCOMMODATION TO THEIR CONSIDERATIONS.
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